IN THE ABSTRACT:

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The present invention aims to provide a PDP apparatus and a driving method for the same which can improve display quality by reducing a peak value of a discharge current flowing in scan and sustain electrodes in a sustain period, without an increase in manufacturing cost. This is achieved as follows. A driving unit 20 applies a sustain data pulse 320 to a plurality of third electrodes in a sustain period T_3. Here, a voltage waveform of the sustain data pulse 320 starts to rise after a voltage of each of pulses 300 and 310 applied to a pair of a scan electrode SCN and a sustain electrode SUS reaches a predetermined level. Furthermore, the sustain data pulse 320 rises at a different timing at least from a sustain data pulse 320 applied to an adjacent data electrode.